

**Harbor Committee Minutes
March 8, 2011**

Members present: Jerry Smith, Chair; Charles Meech, Tab Butler, Michael Childers and Gary Krubsack.

Members absent: Gary Russell, Arnie Nelson, Tim Eldred, Alternate and Bob Kron, Alternate

Ex Officio present: Keith Sowl, Town Foreman

1. Call to order.

Harbor Committee meeting called to order on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. by Chair J. Smith. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

2. Review and approve the following Harbor Committee minutes:

A. February 8, 2011.

Items discussed under minutes:

Item 6.B. Grant Review Island Matching Fund: Differing views regarding attorney opinions.

Item 6.C. Reclassification of La Pointe Harbor. J. Smith cannot find the language in writing, will continue to look. Agreement that this is low priority. Short discussion of the ferry boats being handled under the railroad commission instead of public utilities. Agreement that this is not in the scope of the harbor committee.

Item 3.A. Appointment of Alternate #1. Tim Eldred was appointed as an alternate by the Town Board at their February 8, 2011 meeting.

Motion by G. Krubsack to approve the February 8, 2011 Harbor Committee minutes as presented, second, T. Butler. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Discussion and/or recommendation to the Town Board:

A. Appointment of alternate 2, term ending March 10, 2011 to the Harbor Committee

Bob Kron's term ends March 10, 2011 and Bob has agreed, by email, to serve for another three year term.

Motion by C. Meech to recommend to the Town Board that Bob Kron be appointed as alternate #2 for another three year term. Second, G. Krubsack. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and/or recommendation to the Town Board of vouchers submitted for approval.

No vouchers submitted.

5. Discussion of Support for Federal Harbor bill.

Airports have passed a bill that basically said if you collect airport money in a state, you have to use that money for airport improvements. A bill could be written in the same manner for waterborne transportation.

Question if anyone has contacted Representative Shawn Duffy's office to add this committee's support for a bill such as this. J. Smith will contact Beth Fischlowitz, Town Board Supervisor to see if the Town Board would initiate this.

J. Smith will draft a letter that Chuck May, Chair Pro Tem of Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition recommends and will take that letter to the Town Board meeting two weeks from today.

6. Discussion of Harbor Feasibility Study

Discussion of the email received from Jason Stangland, Associate, JJR, dated Monday, March 7, 2011. J. Smith has a meeting in Madison and will meet with Jason on Friday.

JJR is working on Task 3.0: Preliminary coastal conditions analysis which is 50% complete. They would like to have the analysis ready by mid-April.

JJR is asking that someone from the harbor committee work on the stakeholder list as the stakeholders need to be organized into various categories. Keith and J. Smith will email Jason and ask what the categories are.

JJR will contact the DNR, the Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection agency, Fish and Wildlife and needs the names of political partners and the Tribes.

JJR will first meet with businesses owners (area within sections F & E as shown on the map which is hereby attached and made a part of the minutes) and then meet with the residents of those areas. Next meeting will be with the Yacht Club and those involved in usage of the town dock.

After that interviews will be held with adjacent property owners. There will most likely be a separate meeting with landowners on Nebraska Row. Interviews will also be scheduled with town government officials, the general public and groups such as charter boat businesses, and cruise operators.

JJR needs background information such as Bathymetry which could be available from the Yacht Club. J. Smith will check with the Yacht Club. Wetland surveys are needed which could be found in Zoning. A topo map would be available from the Ashland County GIS site. Burke Henry, Alternative Energy Committee, would be the contact for information on wind.

Question if JJR will have plans or drawings available from the discussion at the kick off meeting in December, or if the plans will be compiled from stakeholder interviews.

Suggestion to move the Post Office since that area is so congested and put up a small, energy efficient ferry waiting area.

J. Smith will let JJR know that the early June workshop needs to be scheduled later in June as most of the stakeholders will not be on the island until late May. After the workshops are held the preliminary long range plan (graphic) will be completed in about 2-3 weeks. 3-5 weeks after the Harbor Committee approves of the preliminary plan the draft long range plan and feasibility summary report will be complete and then the draft plan review and presentation will be held. 2-3 weeks after the presentation the final long range plan and feasibility summary report will be delivered.

7. Grant Review

A. Wisconsin Coastal Management

The grant extension has been approved.

B. Island Matching Fund

Nothing to discuss.

C. Reclassification of La Pointe Harbor

Already discussed under approval of minutes.

8. Budget review.

There is no change in budget figures.

9. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting is set for April 5, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by T. Butler to adjourn, second, G. Krubsack. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as submitted April 5, 2011

